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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.—£3,500,000. RESERVE FUND.—£200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Harpe, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOULON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, PEKING, MANCHESTER.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.—£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4% " "

" 12 " " 5% " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.—5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND.—1,800,000 Dollars.

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Notices of Firms.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this Date, and during the Absence of Mr. JAS. B. COUGHTREY from the Colony, Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE STOKES has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Company.

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

Hongkong, March 11, 1881. ap1

Mr. FRED. J. ANGIER, PROPRIETOR,

"LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS," AND

"LONDON AND CHINA TELEGRAPH," Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, March 24, 1881.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE 12-TON CUTTER YACHT "N. A. P. O. R. E." as she lies at her Mooring, opposite Wellington Barracks. She is in thoroughly good Repair, and ready for Use.

For further Particulars, apply at this Office.

Hongkong, March 17, 1881. mr31

FOR SALE.

AN IRON STEAM RIVER STEAMER, with Hurricane Deck, and of the following Dimensions and Description:—

170 Feet Long.

27 Feet Beam.

11 Feet Depth of Hold.

60 Horse-Power.

Will Carry 400 Tons Measurement Cargo, besides Chinese Passengers, on an 8-foot draught of water, and Steam 8 knots on 4 tons Coal per day.

For further Particulars, apply by Letter to "X. Y. Z."

Post Office.

Hongkong, March 17, 1881. mr31

FOR SALE—CHEAP.

A FEMALE DONKEY, useful for Carrying CHILDREN.

Apply to "A. B. C."

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 17, 1881.

To Let.

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THE DWELLING HOUSE—No. 31, WELLINGTON STREET.

ROOMS IN CLUB CHAMBERS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 40, PEEL STREET, below CAINE ROAD. Has been thoroughly repaired.

THE PREMISES, No. 5, D'ARLUE STREET, at present in occupation of Messrs De Souza & Co.; Possession 1st April.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 8, 1881.

TO LET.

"BROOKHURST," MOUNT GOUGH.

HAS an Excellent LAWN TENNIS GROUND attached, and a good view on the North and South Sides of the Island. The Furniture can be taken over at a valuation should the Tenant so wish.

Apply to H. L. DENNIS.

18, Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, March 3, 1881.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in First-Class GODOWNS.

Also, Entire GODOWNS TO BE LET.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1881. ap2

TO BE LET.

(FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, WITH POSSESSION ON THE FIRST OF MAY A.C.)

THE HOUSE, PRATA EAST, No. 11, at present in the occupation of the Undersigned. (Either the whole House or in Flats.)

Also, The GROUND FLOORS OF HOUSES, Nos. 2 and 3, PRATA EAST (known as the "BATA HOUSES"); Immediate possession.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1881. ap2

TO LET.

ON MANDY LANE, NO. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

GODOWNS TO LET.

PRATA EAST AND WANGHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A B. C. TELEGRAPH CODES.

A great Quantity of NOVELTIES, suitable for Presents, from Vienna, Paris and London.

No. 1 "Flight of the Lapping."

No. 2 "Carnegie's Lullaby," 2 Vols. Helmholtz's "Popular Scientific Lectures."

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG

will be Sold by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 30th March, 1881, at 3 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, NASSAU STREET, BOMBAY ROAD,

comprising:—

ENGLISH-MADE MARBLED TOP CENTRE and SIDE TABLES, BLACKWOOD MARBLED TOP TABLES.

CRISTON-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE.

CHINA GLASSES, PICTURES and ORNAMENTS.

ENGLISH-MADE MARBLED TOP EXTENSION DINING TABLE, ENGLISH-

For Sale.

WHERE YOU CAN BUY

Superior California LAMB'S WOOL
BLANKETS.
SARATOGA TRUNKS.
TRAVELLING BAGS AND SATCHELS.
AGATE COOKING UTENSILS.
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HOUSE GONGS.
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LEMON SQUEEZERS.
MOUSE TRAPS.
BILLIARD CUE TIPS AND CHALK.
PANUS CORIUM for BOOTS.
AMERICAN AXES and HATCHETS.
LIFE BUOYS.
ROCKETS and BLUE LIGHTS.
DOUGLAS' OFFICE CHAIRS.
COPPER WIRE GAUZE.
WAFFLE IRONS.
GRIDIRONS.
FIRE GRATES.
American SOFT FELT HATS.

STATIONERY
FOR LADIES and OFFICE USE,
the
Best and Cheapest
in
Hongkong.

NEW BOOKS
INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.
A
Large Assortment of
FRENCH NOVELS.

TAUCHNITZ'S
POPULAR EDITION OF STANDARD
WORKS, &c.

WORKS of REFERENCE.
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DIARIES.
SCHOOL BOOKS.
PRESENTATION BOOKS.
Etc., Etc., Etc.

RODGER'S CUTLERY.
ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

WEBLEY and SON'S London-made SPORT-
ING GUNS.

BUSBY'S PATENT PNEUMATIC GUN.
SELF-SHOT-EXTRACTING REVOLVERS.
THE PATENT BOTTLE CLIP.
TABLE GLASSWARE.
EARTHENWARE.

THE FINEST STOCK OF
CAVITY,
FORTIN, and
MEYER.
CIGARS, and
CHERRYROOTS.

ENGLISH and AMERICAN
GROCERIES.
FRESH SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY EVERY
MAIL.

SMYRNA FIGS.
CRYSTALLIZED CHERRIES.
FARM'S FAVORITE BISCUITS.
STILTON CHEESE.
FRENCH PLUMS.

Calcutta BEEF.
HUMPS.
ROUNDS.
BRISKETS, and
TONGUES.

California ROLL BUTTER.
APPLE BUTTER.
OLAM CHOWDER.
FISH CHOWDER.

Soused PIG'S FEET.
Soused SHEEP'S TONGUES.
Pickled LAMB'S TONGUES.
Gruyere CHEESE.

New York CREAM CHEESE.
CAVIARE.
Curried OYSTERS.
California CRACKERS Co.'s BISCUITS.
Cracked WHEAT.

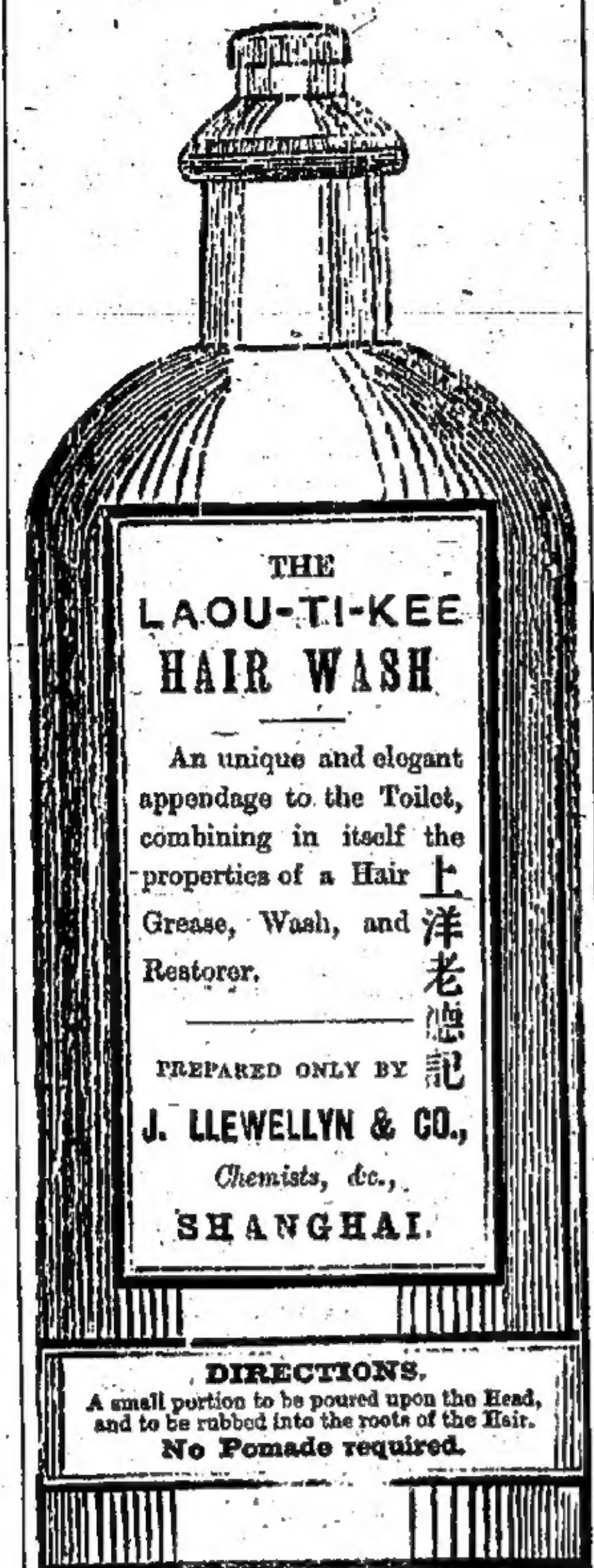
HOMINY.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
RICHARDSON and ROBERT'S Potted MEATS.
Lunch TONGUE.

PRESENT TEA in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.
WINE and SPIRITS of all Descriptions.

SALE-MAKING executed on the Premises.
Mackewen, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 28, 1881.

Intimations.

THIS HAIR WASH has been prepared by us for the last 20 years. Its sale is steadily increasing in India, the Straits and Japan. It possesses all the qualities of a Hair Oil or Pomade without their stickiness. It induces a healthy action of the scalp and nourishes the Hair. Dandruff never appears whilst it is in use. It contains none but the best ingredients, and the greatest care is taken in the compounding. When the Hair falls off after fever or any other sickness, this Wash will surely prove of the greatest value.



From its great nourishing power on the follicles it may in time cause Hair to return to its natural color; it, however, does not contain a particle of any dyeing ingredient. Using it constantly will most certainly prevent the Hair falling. It is clearly in use, the smallest quantity sufficing. It has no sediment, and therefore requires no shaking.

J. LLEWELLYN & Co.,
Shanghai.

Hongkong Agents: LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES.

Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON MONDAY, the 28th day of March, 1881, at Noon, the Company's S. S. SAGHALIEN, Commandant ROLLAND, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 27th of March, 1881. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 15, 1881.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. NIGATA MARU, Capt. W. WALKER, due here on or about the 28th Instant, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 1st April.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin Steerage.
To KOBE, \$6 00
YOKOHAMA & NAGASAKI, 75 00
SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA, 120 00
" " " " " " 95 00

A Remittance is made on RETURN CARRY PASSAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office, PRATA CENTRAL, West Corner Pottinger Street.

Hongkong, March 23, 1881.

Insurances.

YANGTSEZEE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....£1,420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....£1,230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....£1,263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 8th April, 1880.....£1,913,268

Directors.
F. B. FORD, Esq., Chairman.
W. M. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.,
J. H. FINK, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq.,
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:
Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
88 and 89, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 % for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£1,000,000.00
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$ 300,000.00
RESERVE FUND.....\$ 425,000.00
BALANCE UNDIVIDED.....\$ 70,278.43

DIVIDEND PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS.....20 % per Annum.

DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS, 25 % on the amount of their Contributions.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHAREHOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20 % on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here in London at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000

Annual Income £200,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE).

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL.....£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office, PRATA CENTRAL, West Corner Pottinger Street.

Hongkong, March 23, 1881.

Entertainment.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL.

FOR SIX NIGHTS ONLY.

COMMENCING
MONDAY EVENING,
the 28th March.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION—
THE WORLD-RENOVED AND POPULAR
CARANDINI'S OPERATIC AND
BALLAD COMPANY,

In which the following Acknowledged Artists will appear:—

MADAME CARANDINI,
Prima Donna;

MISS MARIE CARANDINI,
Soprano and Pianiste;

MISS MARION LINDEN,
Mezzo Soprano and Pianiste;

MR. WALTER SHERWIN,
Tenor;

MR. OTTO FISCHER,
Bass.

And an efficient Company, in their varied and charming Entertainments of GRAND OPERATIC SELECTIONS, FANCY BALLADS, SONGS, DUETS, TUNES and COMIC DUETS.

ENGLISH, IRISH and SCOTCH MELODIES.
BRILLIANT PIANO SELECTIONS, &c., &c.,
Forming a Delightful Evening's Amusement.

ADMISSION.....TWO DOLLARS.

Doors open at.....8.30 p.m.
To Commence at.....9.00
Terminate at.....11.00

Tickets and Plan at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.

Hongkong, March 24, 1881.

Mails.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship GYALOR, Captain J. ORMAN, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on MONDAY, the 4th April, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Bill and Valuable for Europe will be transhipped at Point de Galle; but Tea and General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one week later than by the direct route via Galle.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

A. MOLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 22, 1881.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Gov. Goodwin, American ship, Captain William Lester.—Messengers Martimes.

R. R. Thomas, American ship, Capt. P. B. Nichols.—Order.

AMETHYST, American barque, Captain J. Slocum.—Captain.

SUEZ, British steamer, Captain John D. Easton.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

THORNHILL, British steamer, Capt. Thos. Walker.—Meyer & Co.

ANNE S. HALL, Amer. barkentine, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

WELLS, German steamer, Captain T. R. Massmann.—Wiesler & Co.

NAPLES, British steamer, Capt. C. White.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

C. T. HOOK, British steamer, Capt. W. H. Bradley.—Landstein & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Capt. Rode.—Chinese.

THIO, Dutch barque, Captain G. Bakker.—Siemssen & Co.

WM. H. BENT, American barque, Capt. B. O. Baker.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, 1881.

NAVAL AND MILITARY
ATHLETIC SPORTS
TO BE HELD ON THE
CRICKET GROUND,
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY,
28th March, 1881.

COMMENCING AT 11 A.M.

Patrons.—His Excellency the Governor, Vice-Admiral WILKES, and Major-General DONOVAN.

Stewards.—Commodore SMITH, R.N.; Lieut.-Col. GEDDES, 27th Inniskillings; Col. HALL, R.A.; and Lieut.-Col. PATTISON, R.E.

Committee.—Lieut.-Comm. ANNISLEY, R.N.; Lieut. BAYLY, R.N.; Lieut. NEWINGTON, R.M.; Maj. TAYLOR, 27th Inniskillings; Lieut. PATTISON, R.A.; Lieut. FRANK, R.A.; Com.-General MEYER, Com. Staff; D. A. Com.-General CLARKE, O.B.S.; Capt. KEAR, A.R.D.; and Dr. BLENHEIM, A.M.D.

Programme:

1.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—(For Bandmen only). First Prize, \$5; Second, \$3; Third, \$1.

2.—FIFTY YARDS FLAT RACE.—First Prize, one hand, and no follow. First Prize, \$4; Second, \$2.

3.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—(Trial Heat). First Prize, \$5; Second, \$2.

4.—LONG JUMP.—First Prize, \$4; Second, \$2.

5.—VETERANS' RACE, 150 YARDS (over 15 years man's service). Navy.—First Prize, \$5; Second, \$2. Military.—First Prize, \$5; Second, \$2.

6.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—First Prize, \$4; Second, \$2.

7.—440 YARDS FLAT RACE.—First Prize, \$10; Second, \$5; Third, \$2.

8.—HORSE AND JUMP.—First Prize, \$4; Second, \$2.

9.—BOY'S RACE, 150 YARDS (under 18 years of age). First Prize, \$5; Second, \$2; Third, \$1.

10.—220 YARDS FLAT RACE (for Navy and Foreign Men-of-War only). First Prize, \$8; Second, \$4; Third, \$2.

11.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE (open to Officers of the Army and Navy). Prize, one Cup.

12.—440 YARDS FLAT RACE.—First Prize, \$10; Second, \$5; Third, \$2.

13.—SAKE RACE, 80 YARDS.—First Prize, \$4; Second, \$2.

14.—HURDLE RACE, 120 YARDS, 10 FLIGHTS (open to Officers of Army and Navy). Prize, one Cup.

15.—HURDLE RACE, 120 YARDS, 10 FLIGHTS.—First Prize, \$8; Second, \$4; Third, \$2.

16.—1 MILE FLAT RACE.—First Prize, \$10; Second, \$5; Third, \$2.

17.—440 YARDS FLAT RACE (open to Officers of Army and Navy, Members of Hong Kong and German Clubs, and Officers of Foreign Men-of-War). (Winner over this distance at previous Hongkong Sports penalised 10 yards). Prize, one Cup.

18.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Final Heat. First Prize, \$8; Second, \$4; Third, \$2.

19.—THREE-LEGGED RACE.—First Prize, \$5; Second, \$2.

20.—CONSOLATION RACE, 220 YARDS.—First Prize, \$4; Second, \$2; Third, \$1.

21.—TWO MILE FLAT RACE (in each team) open to Army and Navy, Hongkong Volunteers, Foreign Men-of-War, Police and Civilians. One "pull over" to decide. No Spikes or Hob Nails to be worn. (The whole side 10 m. to be pulled over). Prize, \$80.

22.—220 YARDS FLAT RACE, 10 FLIGHTS (open to N. O. O. and Men of the Garrison only). Prizes presented by H. E. the Major-General Commanding. First Prize, \$8; Second, \$5; Third, \$2.

23.—HIGH JUMP.—First Prize, \$4; Second, \$2.

24.—FUG-OF-WAR.—Officers of the Army & Officers of the Navy.

Names

them. Unless, therefore, the figures given by "Progress" for the establishment of a College are very far out, it will occur to many of our readers that the scheme proposed by Governor Hennessey, with that grand sweep of imagination for which he is so justly celebrated, is one which is not only impracticable but is eminently absurd. The community will look with some interest for the report of the Commission now sitting, because many intelligent residents have regarded the sitting and deliberation of such a body with an ill-suppressed smile from the first, and are now somewhat puzzled to know what the members can find to "sit upon" for a prolonged period.

While the Commission to investigate and consider the subject of education is presumed to be engaged in that solemn duty, it strikes one as strange to hear various rumours concerning the system that has for so many years been carried on in the Central School itself. The latest development of Governor Hennessey's "sagacity" is one that is peculiarly his own—viz., that of setting the subordinate of a Department in antagonism to his Chief. It appears that the results of the unfair test applied to the Central School, and the misleading statement of those results, have been twisted into something very like an indictment against the system of teaching hitherto adopted, and the real Head of that Department (now filling the delicate and difficult position of acting Colonial Secretary) is looked upon as the official directly responsible for the alleged facts of that system. Whether the fact of Dr Stewart's temporary absence from his scholastic duties has given the Governor and his busy Secretary the opportunity of thus dealing with this matter, it is not easy to determine; but as it will be remembered that a certain Despatch instructed His Excellency to consult Dr Stewart in all matters relating to Education, and it is generally known that this latest move is the combined outcome of the Governor and Dr Eitel only, it is almost impossible to comprehend where the honesty of the measure comes in. The measure itself is that of the masters of the School, foreign and native alike, have been called upon to report upon the system hitherto carried on, and to make suggestions. That is, in many words, the subordinates have been asked by the Governor to praise or censure their Head Master, to criticise the action and policy of the Colonial Office and previous Governors of this Colony, and to give the Executive a statement which the Secretary of State requested Governor Hennessey to obtain from Dr Stewart himself. After an endeavour to look calmly at this unique display of "administration," and in view of the fact that a Commission is now sitting to investigate the whole subject of the School's status and even its existence, the act partakes very much of an unnecessary and somewhat rude attack upon Dr Stewart's reputation. In one sense, so far as the result is concerned, it matters little in what light this action is meant to be taken; for it may be said without hesitation that Dr Stewart's good name for honesty of purpose and proved ability stands fully as high as any one who is likely at any time to bespatter mud thereupon. At the same time, it is the duty of the community to know, and we believe it to be our duty to tell them, that this Colony is being governed in a manner calculated most seriously to lower the character of the service to be expected from its officials. The present administration indeed would seem to be made up of a succession of acts which, owing to the strong flavour of personality imparted to them, are more like the doings of a giddy and irritable viceroy than those of a responsible representative of Her Majesty of England. It is not a pleasure to feel constrained to employ language of such severity to the Head of the Executive of this Colony; but the truth must be told, and repeated over and over again, as a warning to all who, ignorant of the first principles of government, unfortunately disregard even those of common sense; and also as a protest against intelligent Englishmen being saddled as we are with an incubus which political exigency or official etiquette seems to deem a necessity after it has been proved to be highly undesirable and almost unbearable. Official after official has rushed home "under a cloud," and has come out of the same in the most joyous manner; and still there is no change. Despatch after despatch arrives, in which broad hints are given that the community of Hongkong have suffered long enough; but we surely still, if how ever, "last straw" can be found, or have not already been discovered, there is every likelihood that it will soon be furnished by His Excellency himself or his indefatigable Secretary.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to THE "CHINA MAIL.")

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

THE HOUSE OF LORDS FINALLY PASSED THE ARMS BILL.

LONDON, March 23.

The House of Lords has finally passed the Arms Bill (Ireland).

THE FLOODING IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 23.

A mine has been discovered under the Palace of the Czar.

AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOERS.

LONDON, March 23.

The Boers have accepted the conditions of peace proposed, which provide for the complete autonomy of the Transvaal under the suzerainty of the Queen. The British Government controls foreign relations, and a British Resident will reside at the capital.

A Royal Commission is to be appointed to arrange frontier questions. The Boers are to disperse, but the British Garrison remains pending the definite settlement of affairs.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH MAIL will probably arrive here, per the M. M. steamer *Amazon*, on Sunday, the 27th March. She brings dates from London to 18th February.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive here, per the P. M. S. steamer *City of Tokio*, on Thursday next, the 28th March.

ORDER OF SERVICE AT THE UNION CHURCH.—MARCH 27TH.
Forenoon.—Hymn 196, tune page 90; Psalm 146, tune page 83; Hymn 239, tune page 107; Hymn 455, tune page 22.
Afternoon.—Psalm 93, tune page 118; Hymn 272, tune page 123; Hymn 352, tune page 80; Hymn 63, tune page 27.

A MAIL will leave Singapore for Bangkok at 9 A.M. to-morrow, the 26th instant.

THE Russian steamer *Grand Duc Constantin*, Captain Lomachoffsky, went into the Cosmopolitan Dock this evening to be overhauled and cleaned.

H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, Captain Tracey, arrived here this afternoon from Singapore, with Vice-Admiral Wiles on board, and was saluted by the French flag-ship *Thémis* and the Italian corvette *Vittorio Pisani*.

THE revised programme of the Sports for to-morrow, which we have already noticed, is published in our columns to-night. We direct particular attention to it and to the special request the Secretary makes as to the course being kept clear.

A CHINESE interpreter in the service of the Hongkong Government, and two witnesses, have, says the *Straits Times*, arrived at Singapore to aid in discovering and identifying a female child, kidnapped from her parents some two years ago, and said to have been taken to that port.

CAPTAIN TRACEY, R.N., flag Captain to Vice-Admiral Wiles, and the other members of the Admiral's staff, arrived at Singapore on the 11th March in H.M.S. *Tyne*, and Capt. Tracey then assumed command of H.M.S. *Iron Duke*.

WITH reference to the fatal accident which occurred on board the steamer *Charles Townsend* Hook, of which particulars will be found in the account of the Inquest held this afternoon, we learn from the chief officer of the vessel that a collection has been made on board for the benefit of the widow of the deceased, and that a sum amounting to about \$40 has been subscribed and given to her by members of the crew.

THE Murray v. Rose case hangs far almost as much as the Pitman v. Kewick case. It is now supposed to be fixed for Tuesday next. It is a pity that such a case cannot be settled even yet, at the eleventh hour, out of Court. It will be observed that the Pitman case comes on once again to-morrow. There have already been so many "false starts" in this event that people have come to imagine the *casus celebris* was never to come on. We understand, however, it positively does come on for hearing to-morrow.

THE Hudson-Surprise Party gave an entertainment last night, at the Garrison Theatre, which was well patronised and most appreciatively received. They performed to-night at the City Hall Theatre and again to-morrow night, being apparently ambitious to equal if not excel the wondrous season they had at Shanghai almost without a break. For to-morrow night, the principal features are Tom Hudson's high pedestal dance, which is a positive wonder in itself and well worth going to see and paying to see, and the farce of "The French Consul." The principal attraction to-night will be the *exposé* of the bird-cage trick, and of the instantaneous growth of flowers, miracle and other legendairy curiosities.

OUR Penang friends are much exercised in their minds at present with a number of questions which they consider as grievances, and which the Penang Association have been summoned to take up. A report has been current that the European Garrison is to be removed, which is one of the grievances, but there is no truth in this report, and it is probably originated from the report that Major-General Donovan has decided to withdraw the Malacca Garrison, a decision which, if true, is of very questionable prudence. Then the Penangites complain that while formerly they had three representatives in Council, now they have practically only one. Their Municipal Board also are not on the same footing as the Singapore Municipality, and there is the old grievance of the change of title of Lieut. Governor into Resident Councillor.—*Straits Times*.

SAYS THE STRAITS TIMES:—

It is certainly unfortunate that it should so happen that E. E. the Governor should be laid up with a severe fit of gout during the visit to this port of two such High Officials as Admirals Coote and Wiles, and thus there should be any cause given for charges of want of attention and hospitality such as have been freely current in the community during the last week, and which we believe to have no foundation in reality. We have received several communications on the subject, but as they are all anonymous, we must decline to publish them. This port and the Settlements generally have always been most ready and willing to come to our aid, witness all our troubles in the Peninsula during the last decade, and the most cordial relations have always existed between them and our Government. Even Sir Harry Ord would not have ventured to bully or snub a Captain of the "Queen's Navy." It will be a most unfortunate thing, therefore, should a different feeling now arise from whatever cause or circumstance.

THE following Indian telegrams are from the *Rangoon Gazette*:

Calcutta, Feb. 27.—News from Kandahar on the 24th February, says that Sirdar Asif Khan, Nasir and Umar Jan Sahibzadah, arrived from Herat with about twenty sowars. They took the horses of the recovered Government and Amir Khan, and the British Government. A large number of people from the city went out to welcome Umar Jan Sahibzadah, who is a man of great sanctity and popularity in this part of the country. He has been a successful leader of the Afghan forces, and has been a member of the British Government. A large number of people from the city went out to welcome Umar Jan Sahibzadah, who is a man of great sanctity and popularity in this part of the country. He has been a successful leader of the Afghan forces, and has been a member of the British Government.

March 1.—A special telegram to the *Bombay Herald* gives the following particulars. At midnight on Saturday Sir G. P. Colley marched with 600 men, belonging to the 58th, 60th, and 92nd Regiments and a naval brigade. He marched from the British camp to seize the heights commanding the Boers' defensive works at Longueval. The movement was completely successful, the Boers, next morning, finding to their astonishment the force occupying Spitzkoppe hill overlooking their works, and seeing that their position would be untenable, they moved to the British, they immediately moved all their forces to attack the hill. The firing commenced at seven in the morning. Our Gatling did much execution among the enemy, who however renewed attacks frequently. For six hours all attacks were repulsed, but unfortunately no reinforcements were available and the ammunition ran short. The Boers then made final attacks at three in the afternoon. The British fought hand to hand, but were driven from the hill with great loss. Sir Evelyn Wood will assume command. No official report of killed and wounded arrived, nor is it explained why the Camp did not send reinforcements.

DURING the voyage of the Orient steamship *Potosi*, from Melbourne to Sydney, a singular phenomenon was witnessed. On the 15th December, when reaching a point about seventy miles to the northward of Gabo Island, at about 9 o'clock in the evening, large drops of mud descended, and marked the vessel from end to end with spots of reddish yellow clay. Unfortunately, not sufficient of this stuff was saved to be of value to experts, and it is not at about the same time great quantities of a similar substance fell near Moruya, and as far south as the district about Gabo Island. Some of this has been submitted for inspection. It appeared like a fine red sand, and on examination it was found to be a siliceous earth, with the addition of parts of ferruginous mud, probably powder from the dried basin of some lagoon. The analysis of the composition, however, is not yet complete, and its exact description cannot therefore be obtained. The fall of this sand is fraught with a peculiar interest, inasmuch as it will indicate the direction of the upper atmospheric currents. A similar phenomenon was noticed in 1846, when showers of a like substance descended in France and about Europe generally; and it is believed that the dust storm occasioning the upheaval of the substance occurred on the plains of South America, and only about four days prior to its descent as indicated on the Transatlantic continent.

THE postponement of Mr. Knight's case will be of the greatest advantage to the defence. Very important materials for the defence are, we believe, now on the way from India to England, and the delay will, we may hope, give time for them to arrive and receive the careful attention of counsel before the case is brought on. It is perfectly true, we learn, that the American-Kabeer repented, when it was too late, and telegraphed instructions to his agent in London to stay proceedings. By this time, we imagine, there are others, besides the *Nawab*, who bitterly regret the action he has taken, for while the result as regards Mr. Knight, it is pretty certain that some very unpleasant revelations will be made as to Hyderabad affairs, and it is to be feared that some British officials may not be happy when the case is over, any more than the *Nawab* himself. It is possible that the case may prove of the very highest service to the British Government in this country, by compelling enquiry into the nature and habits of the Indian Foreign Office and the political service. Next to the condition of the masses under our rule, the character of our relations with the Native Courts is perhaps the most important question affecting the future of our Indian Empire. And if this case should lead to the exposure of abuses and some steps in the way of reform, Mr. Knight will consider his own trouble in the matter richly rewarded.—*Sheraton*.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

INQUEST THIS AFTERNOON.

An adjourned inquest was held at the Magistrate's this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, before the Deputy Coroner, G. S. Northcote, Esq., and a Jury consisting of Messrs C. O. Corbett, S. J. Judah, and M. de Silva, on the body of a Chinese male adult. Evidence was now given by J. W. Mathwin, chief officer of the steamer *T. Hook*, to the effect that on Wednesday afternoon, an awning had been spread over one of the batches, and a rope was required to be rove, to tighten the awning, and witness called one of the men to take the rope up and rove it. Deceased came forward to do so, and had orders to go up the stay and rove the rope through the block, and he said he understood what to do. Witness saw deceased get on the stay, and then walked off to call a man to give a hand to pull up the stay, when he heard a noise behind him, and on turning round, saw deceased lying on No. 3 hatch, having gone right through the awning. Witness ran to him, and bathed his head with water; he was then insensible, but in about ten minutes recovered his senses, and said, in Chinese, "that he was very much hurt." Deceased was then taken to the hospital, and he died there. The distance deceased fell was thirty-three feet to the boom, which he first struck, and four feet more to the hatch. Deceased only joined the ship on Wednesday morning, and was at the time not on the articles; being only on trial for a few days before signing his name. The witness deceased was going was a very simple one, and one which any boy could do. Further evidence was given by Chung Ah, a seaman, on board the *T. Hook*, to the effect that deceased was his friend, and had known him two or three years, his name was Chan Ahn, witness had recommended him to the Captain on the previous day. 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